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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated May 14, 2008, please amend the claims as indicated and reconsider the patentability of the pending claims based on the following remarks.